

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 12. (Amended) A mat fastener for connection to a
2 floor mat of an automobile comprising:
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4 a. a male grommet made of a resin material;
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6 b. a female grommet made of a resin material;
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8 c. the female grommet having an outer tube portion
9 having opposite open ends and adapted to be
10 inserted into a hole formed in the floor mat;
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12 d. the female grommet having a flange formed at an
13 outer periphery of one of the ends of the outer
14 tube portion and being adapted to be in contact
15 with one side surface of the mat, the outer tube
16 portion projecting axially beyond the flange of
17 the female grommet for insertion into the hole
18 formed in the floor mat;
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20 e. the male grommet having an inner tube portion
21 having opposite open ends and adapted to be
22 inserted into the outer tube portion of the
23 female grommet and a flange formed at an outer
24 periphery of one of the ends of the inner tube
25 portion;
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- 27 f. the flange of the male grommet adapted to be in
28 contact with another side surface of the mat;
29 wherein:
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31 g. each of the outer and inner tube portions is
32 provided with an engagement means for coupling
33 the female and male grommets to each other so
34 that, upon engagement thereof, one of the
35 flanges of the grommets is adapted to be brought
36 into contact with one of the side surfaces of
37 the mat around the mat hole and the other flange
38 of the grommets is adapted to be brought into
39 contact with the other side surface of the mat,
40 whereby the mat fastener is fastened to the mat
41 with the mat sandwiched between the flanges;
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43 h. one of the flanges of the male and female
44 grommets has a larger outside dimension than
45 that of the other thereof;
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47 i. each of the flanges has an outer peripheral
48 portion formed in a curve shape to be directed
49 toward the mat to allow each of the flanges to
50 bite into the mat when the male and female
51 grommets are coupled to each other by the
52 engagement means;